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I verily believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **TEAR RESISTANT ELASTIC LAMINATE AND METHOD OF OPERATION**, the specification of which:

 is attached hereto.

X was filed on January 27, 2000 as Application Serial No. 09/491721

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to me to be material to the patentability of this application as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate(s), or § 365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate(s), or PCT International application having a filing date before that of any application on which priority is claimed:

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e)(1)-(2) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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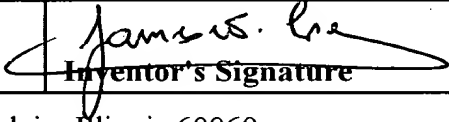


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